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Title: COMBINATION THAT CONSISTS OF NORPREGNANE DERIVATIVES AND CYCLODEXTRIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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4. (Amended) Combination according to claim 1, whereby the cyclodextrin is a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

5. (Amended) Combination according to claim 1, whereby the cyclodextrin and the gestagen

are present with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n (gestagen : cyclodextrin, n  $\geq$  1), and

are present with  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n (n  $\geq$  1) (gestagen : cyclodextrin).

6. (Amended) Combination according to claim 1 as a pharmaceutical agent.

7. (Amended) Combination according to claim 6 for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for treating menopausal symptoms.

8. (Amended) Combination according to claim 1 for birth control.

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